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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR

1961

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TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT - 1961

Mr. Chairman and Councillors

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my report for the year ended 31st.
December, 1961.

The statistics concerning the Birth and Death rates correspond roughly with those for the Administrative County and for the whole of England and Wales. You will note that the Crude Death Rate is almost double the Corrected Rate. This is due to the fact that many people retire to the district and in consequence there is a much higher proportion of elderly people in this part of the country than there is in the busy industrial areas. The Registrar General overcomes this anomaly by giving each district a factor dependent upon the age structure of the population in that district. Multiplication of the Crude Death rate by this factor gives the Corrected Death Rate, and it is this rate which must be used in comparing the rate for this district with others.

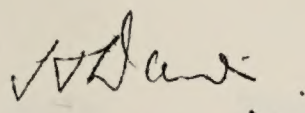
The table showing the age at which the 200 deaths occurred in the year shows that only seven died before the age of 45, whereas 117 died at the age of 75 or more.

There has been a very big rise in the incidence of Infectious Disease. This is due entirely to the fact that 199 new cases of Measles were notified, as compared with only 5 cases in 1960. Regarding those diseases of childhood for which there is adequate protection available, it will be seen that only 6 cases of Whooping Cough were notified. No cases of Diptheria, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis or Smallpox occurred during the year. These diseases are still present and it is every parent's duty to see that his child receives the protection which is freely available.

The incidence of Tuberculosis continues at a low level, only 6 new cases being notified. The constant fight against Tuberculosis is now nearing its end and, provided that there is no relaxation, this disease could become a rarity within but a few years. Lung Cancer is taking the place of Tuberculosis and the rise in the incidence of this disease over the past 20 years is about equal, in the same time, to the fall in the number of cases of Tuberculosis. The prime cause of Lung Cancer is cigarette smoking - a fact now beyond dispute. At the present state of our knowledge the only factor which will reduce the incidence of this disease is to eliminate cigarette smoking. A simple procedure! In any case it is the duty of every parent to see that his children are discouraged from starting this most dangerous habit.

Finally, I should like to thank, once again, the Chairman, Councillors and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation received.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

December, 1962.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres).....	2,350
Population Mid 1961.....	11,090
Population 1951 Census.....	10,597
Rateable Value as at the 1st. January, 1961.....	£167,453
Rateable Value as at the 31st. December, 1961.....	£169,550
Product of a ld. rate as at the 1st. April, 1961.....	£679

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	62	47	109
Illegitimate	8	5	13
	<u>70</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>122</u>

Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	11.8
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	13.09
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	14.25
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon.	15.39
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	17.4

Still Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth rate per 1000 total population	0.18
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births	16.13
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births Administrative County of Devon	16.94
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births England and Wales	19.1

DEATHS

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 73.75 years. It is of interest to note that the average age of all male deaths, during 1961, was 72.46 and for female deaths 74.94.

Male	Female	Total
95	105	200

Crude Death rate per 1000 total population	18.03
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population	10.64
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	14.72
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	11.63
Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	12.0

Infant Mortality

(Death of Infants under One year)

No deaths occurred in infants under One year in Teignmouth during 1961.

Infant Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One year) per 1000 related live births - Administrative County of Devon	15.88
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	21.6
Neo-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under Four weeks) per 1000 related live births - Administrative County of Devon	11.04
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	15.5
Peri-Natal Mortality rate (Stillbirths and Deaths of Infants under One week) per 1000 related live births - Administrative County of Devon	26.33
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	32.2

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in Teignmouth during 1961.

No maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

AGE AT DEATH

	Male	Female
Infants under One week	-	-
Infants under Four weeks	-	-
Infants under One year	-	-
1 - 4	-	3
5 - 14	-	-
15 - 24	-	1
25 - 44	3	-
45 - 64	15	9
65 - 74	31	21
75 and over	46	71
	<u>95</u>	<u>105</u>

Total: 200

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	95	105
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	8
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	9
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-
	<u>17</u>	<u>22</u>
carried forward		

CAUSES OF DEATH (Continued)

	Male	Female
brought forward	17	22
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	15	16
Coronary disease, angina	33	11
Hypertension with heart disease	2	5
Other heart disease	12	23
Other circulatory disease	1	2
Pneumonia	5	3
Bronchitis	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Congenital malformations	-	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	16
Motor vehicle accidents	2	1
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	-	2
	<u>95</u>	<u>105</u>

Total : 200

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Scarlet Fever	1	-	1
Whooping cough	-	6	6
Measles	98	101	199
Pneumonia	3	5	8
	<u>102</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>214</u>

Total : 214

TUBERCULOSIS

Five cases of pulmonary and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1961. Details are set out in the following table:

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Under five years	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	1	-	-	-
25 - 44	2	2	-	1
45 - 64	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

Total : 6

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

Official action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 was necessary in one case during 1961.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1961.

During the year progress was made with the construction of one and two bedroom flats on sites in Fourth Avenue and Fraser Drive. These were for the rehousing of tenants in premises condemned under the Council's Slum Clearance Scheme and were completed toward the end of the year. All tenants, who elected so to do, were rehoused by the end of December; a total of 28 families consisting of 74 persons being so accommodated.

Action was then commenced to obtain the demolition of the condemned houses in the various areas.

Also 1 Individual house was demolished and 6 others Closed during the year owing to unfitness and 4 families, comprising 14 persons were rehoused in consequence.

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

During the year 3235 inspections and visits were made to various premises for the stated purposes :-

Inspections in connection with General Public Health work - (This figure is inclusive of visits re Camping Sites, Public Conveniences, Schools, Shops, Infectious Disease, Verminous Premises, Piggeries, Licensed Premises, Miscellaneous Visits, etc:	617
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Inspections in connection with Factories and Premises where Petrol and Explosives are stored :	51
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Inspections and Visits re Drainage and the application of the Byelaws :	995
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Inspections and Visits re Housing - i.e. Slum Clearance premises, Unfit Houses, Houses for repair and allocation of Council premises :	356
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Inspections of Food Premises, Restaurants and Cafes, Hotels and Boarding Houses :	379
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Visits re Refuse Collection and Disposal :	364
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Visits re Rats and Mice :	455
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Visits re Sampling of Water and Ice Cream :	18
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During the inspections re Drainage 499 Smoke and Water Tests were applied to various sections of drainage to prove soundness.

RODENT CONTROL

In addition to the 455 visits paid in relation to rat and mico infestation by the Public Health Inspectors, 311 visits have also been made by the Rodent Operator.

FOOD CONDEMNATIONS AND THE APPLICATION OF THE FOOD
HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955 and 1960

During the year the following food has been condemned
as unfit for human consumption :-

172 lbs.	Beef
59 lbs.	Fork
140 lbs.	Chicken
21 lbs.	Lambs Livers
40 lbs.	Sausages
8 lbs.	Pork Pies
6 lbs.	Fish
24 lbs.	Butter
16 lbs.	Bread
2 lbs.	Cheese
6 lbs.	Biscuits

also 580 tins and packets of various foods weighing
approximately 1071 lbs. have been destroyed - a total
weight of 1565 lbs.

A total of 379 routine inspections to ensure
compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations have been
made to Food Shops, Preparation Premises, Hotels,
Cafes, etc: Such improvements of premises and methods
as were required were normally carried out voluntarily by
the persons concerned on request but one prosecution had
to be taken early in the year in regard to the unsatisfactory
condition of a bakehouse. Fines amounting to £75
were imposed by the Court.

There are no Slaughterhouses within the District.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Registered Common Lodging Houses in
the District.

SEWERAGE

The arrangements for the collection and disposal of
sewage are adequate. Almost all houses in the District
(on both sides of the River Teign) are connected to the
Council's Sewers, as are all new Estates recently developed.
The interconnecting sewers eventually discharge, on each side
of the River, to pumping stations, by which the sewage is
lifted, at the Teignmouth installation to storage tanks, and
at Shaldon to a tank sewer which passes under the streets
to a controlled outlet at the River mouth. The Teignmouth
outlet is similarly controlled, the penstock being opened
after high tide and closed before low tide, so as to take
advantage of the enormous outflow of tidal water from the
Estuary, which effectually carries all sewage direct to sea.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse Collection and Disposal has continued normally during the year. A weekly collection is afforded to all premises and this is augmented by a second collection from Shops, Hotels, Boarding Houses, etc: during the Season. The collection of Trade Refuse from Shops at a charge of 6d per bin or equivalent package has been continued with satisfactory results in the removal of offensive matter from Food Premises, etc: and has produced the sum of £76. 8. 0d during the year.

Tipping is continuing at the Council's Tip at Broadmeadow.

HOUSING


As stated earlier the one and two bedroom flats constructed during the year on sites at Fourth Avenue and Fraser Drive were for the rehousing of Slum Clearance tenants, but of the 42 constructed 17 were eventually available for applicants from the General Housing List and thereby 40 persons were accommodated.

In addition 13 other properties under the Council's control became available and were relet to other applicants.

As far as possible, with the premises available, transfers are arranged between tenants so that the size of the house concerned is in proportion to the size of the family. Also if tenants find another tenant whereby a transfer between them can ease the problem of either overcrowding or underoccupation, the Housing Allocations Committee endeavours to make a mutual exchange possible.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,


Public Health Inspector

June, 1962

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE
YEAR 1961 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF TEIGNMOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF
DEVON

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	No: on Register	Inspection	Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which S 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by L/A	31	16	4	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which S 7 is enforced by the L/A	85	35	7	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which S 7 is enforced by the L/A (excluding out- workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	NIL
TOTALS	116	51	11	NIL

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

		No: of cases in which def- ects were found				No: of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
		Found	Reme- died	To H.M. Insptr.	By H.M. Insptr.	
Want of Cleanliness	S 1	7	7	-	-	Nil
Overcrowding	S 2	-	-	-	-	Nil
Unreasonable Temperature	S 3	-	-	-	-	Nil
Inadequate Ventilation	S 4	-	-	-	-	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors	S 6	-	-	-	-	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) Insufficient	S 7	1	1	-	-	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective		1	1	-	-	Nil
(c) Not separate for Sexes		-	-	-	-	Nil
Other offences against the Act		2	2	-	-	Nil
TOTALS		11	11	-	-	Nil

No cases of outwork being carried out in unwholesome premises
have been found and consequently Table 3 has not been included.

WATER SUPPLY

Water Engineer's Report for the year ended 31st December, 1961

The summer was fine and there was no cessation of supplies. In common with the other South Devon resorts and as a precautionary measure, a light water restriction was imposed (by prohibiting the use of hosepipes) from July to 14th September. The period of boosting extended from 17th May to 28th September and it is noticeable that the period lengthens each year as a result, amongst other causes, of the increased population.

The direct supply in New Road (Exeter Road Junction) was again used for the summer supply.

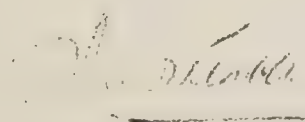
The new 12" trunk main from Teigngrace to Bishopsteignton was nearing completion at the end of the year.

The Hazeldown service reservoir did not recover until 27th December, 1961.

A Public Enquiry was held at Torquay in October into the future of Water Supply in South Devon.

STATISTICS

Population supplied:	Winter	11,576 (1961 Census)
	Summer	25,000 - 30,000
Total consumption:		224,000,000 gallons
Maximum daily consumption:		740,000 gallons


Engineer & Surveyor

June, 1962

SECTION I - STAFF
TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments
Dr. H.M. Davies	Port Medical Officer	10th. July, 1953	M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health:- Newton Abbot R.D.C. Dawlish U.D.C. Newton Abbot U.D.C. Teignmouth U.D.C. Assistant County Medical Officer - Devon County Council
N.S. Tucker	Port Health Inspector	5th. June 1923	C.R.S.I., (Meat & Other Foods Certificate)	Public Health Inspector & Housing Officer - Teignmouth U.D.C.
P. Langston	Port Health Inspector	1st. April, 1959	C.R.S.I., (Meat & Other Foods Certificate)	Public Health Inspector -Teignmouth U.D.C.
Address and telephone number of Medical Officer of Health		Council Offices, Eiton House, Teignmouth 'phone Teignmouth 12001		

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	NUMBER INSPECTED		NUMBER OF SHIPS REPORTED AS HAVING HAD, DURING THE VOYAGE, INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON BOARD
			BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH	BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR	
Foreign Ports	153	32,878	4	48	NIL
Coastwise	260	46,565	2	72	NIL
Total	413	79,443	6	120	NIL

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of passengers INWARDS (Number of passengers OUTWARDS ...
This is not a port approved under the Aliens Order, 1920	
Cargo Traffic	Principal IMPORTS: Coal, Timber, Cement, Bricks, Tiles, Hardboard, Thatching Reed Potatoes. Principal EXPORTS: Clay, Coke, Scrap Metal.

PORTS from which ships arrive: Alderney, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bayonne
Bilbao, Bremen, Brest, Caen, Calais, Capella, Cherbourg,
Concarneau, Dieppe. Dordrecht, Dovarnenez, Dunkirk, Fecamp,
Gijon, Granville, Ghent, Gruvon, Guernsey, Hamburg, Hamina,
Honfleur, Kasko, Kemi, Kotka, Le Guildo, La Pallice, Le Havre,
Morlaix, Nantes, Niel, Painboeuf, Paimpol, Pontrieux, Quimper,
Randers, Roscoff, Rotterdam, Rouen, Rumpst, Santander, St.Brieuc,
St. Malo, St. Nazaire, Scheueningen, Treguir, Treport, Uddeualla,
Zaandam.

COASTWISE:- Amble, Appledore, Ardrossan, Avonmouth, Barnstaple, Barrow, Barrydock, Belfast, Bideford, Birkenhead, Blyth, Bridgwater, Bridport, Bristol, Cardiff, Charlestown, Coleraine, Cork, Cowes, Dartmouth, Dover, Dublin, Dundalk, Dungarven, Exmouth, Falmouth, Felixstowe, Flushing, Fowey, Galway, Garston, Glasgow, Goole, Grangemouth, Greenock, Great Yarmouth, Ipswich, Hayle, Hull, Kilkeel, Kilrush, Kinsale, Lancaster, Limerick, Littlehampton, Liverpool, London, Londerry, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milford Haven, Mostyn, Newhaven, Newport, New Ross, Par, Penzance, Plymouth, Poole, Portsmouth, Preston, Runcorn, Sharpness, Shoreham, Silloth, Southampton, Swansea, Totnes, Truro, Waterford, Weymouth.

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil.

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY - NO CHANGE

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952 - NO CHANGE.

SECTION VII

SMALLPOX

1. The Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases will be sent from the district is the Smallpox Hospital, Upton Pyne, near Exeter (Tel.No. Stoke Canon 207)
2. Transport arrangements will be made by the Medical Superintendent of the Isolation Hospital, Exeter. (Tel No. Exeter 67158)
3. The following consultants are available as and when necessary:-
Dr. J. Macrae, Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Bristol.
Dr. W.A. Lister, 10 The Crescent, Plymouth.
4. Specimens for laboratory diagnosis will be sent to the:-
Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale,
London, N.W.9.

SECTION VIII

VENERAL DISEASE - NO CHANGE.

SECTION IX

Cases of notifiable and other infectious disease on ships.

No cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases were reported during the year.

SECTION X.

Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases of Malaria were notified during the year.

SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

No action was necessary under this section.

SECTION XII

Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

1. Procedures for inspection of ships for rats.

Enquiries are made from masters of vessels using the port, by the Public Health Inspector, regarding the presence of rats.

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Facilities are available for the bacteriological examination of rodents at the Public Health Laboratory at Exeter. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

A ship requiring deratting can now be dealt with at Teignmouth.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships

No action was taken in this matter at Teignmouth during 1961.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

No rats were destroyed at Teignmouth, during 1961, in ships from foreign ports.

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No Deratting Certificates were issued during 1961. Fourteen Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued during 1961.

SECTION XIII

Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G - Inspections and Notices

Forty-eight inspections were carried out during 1961 of ships from foreign ports. No notices were served.

SECTION XIV

Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

No change.

SECTION XV.

Medical Inspection of Aliens

Not applicable to this Authority.
